FISCAL NOTE

SB 2910 - HB 2471

February 5, 2000

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates a Class E felony offense for fraudulently obtaining TennCare benefits or for providing a false statement about another medical condition or eligibility for insurance. Allows the court to disqualify a convicted person from Medicaid eligibility for twelve months after a first offense, twenty-four months for a second offense and permanently for any subsequent offense. The court may also order restitution of benefits.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$22,500/Incarceration*

Assumes 5 convictions annually under this statute.

*Section 9-6-119, TCA, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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